(b) what is the total demand/requirement of milk in the country;

(c) whether Government have formulated any plan for increasing the milk production in the State of Punjab; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The anticipated total production of milk in the State of Punjab is about 6.7 million tonnes as against the 66.3 million tonnes in the country during 1995-96.

(b) As per the nutritional requirement of 220 gm/head/day, the total milk requirement in the country during 1995-96 was estimated to be about 73.9 million tonnes.

(c) and (d) Besides State Government programmes, following Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented to enhance the milk production in Punjab:

(1) Extension of Forzen Semen Technology & Progeny Testing programme.

(2) Assistance to States for feed and fodder development.

(3) National project on rinderpest eradication.

(4) Assistance to States for control of animal diseases.

(5) National bull production programme.

(6) Professional efficiency Development.

Visit of interdisciplinary team to Bedgaon village in U.P.

681.SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to UQ 958 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th March, 1996 and state:

(a) whether the proposed visit of the interdisciplinary team to village Bedgaon has taken place;

(b) if so, the findings of the team and the response of the villagers to accept the new farming techniques;

(c) if reply to Part (a) be in negative, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the action being taken against the officials responsible for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRICHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir. The team comprising Deputy Director Agriculture, Pauri and scientists from Rani Chauri Campus of G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology visited Bedgaon Village from July 14, 1996.

(b) It was observed that the farmers there are growing traditional crops like Sawan, Mandua, Urd, Maize in Kharif and Wheat, Barley, Lentil in Rabi under rainfed condition. The team suggested new fanning techniques and cropping pattern for the development of the area including its suitability for Walnut and citrus plantation.

(c) and (d) Question does not arise.

Coarse Cereal Productivity

682. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the percentage of rise/fall in the coarse cereal productivity in the country during the last three years (year-wise) and the reasons for decline, if any, in the production;

(b) What is the percentage of decline, if any, in the area under coarse cereals production during the last three years (year-wise) and the reasons for decline in the areas;

(c) the manner in which coarse cereal productivity in the country compares with the developing country standards; and

(d) what programmes has been formulated by Government to raise the coarse cereal productivity in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Percentage increase/decrease in the area, production and yield under coarse cereals during die last three years is as followed :

Year	Area (million hectare)	Production (million tonnes)	Yield (Kg./ hectare)
1993-94	32.81	30.81	939
	(-4.7)	(-15.8)	(-9.7)
1994-95	32.50	30.35	934
	(-0.9)	(-1.5)	(-0.5)
1995-96	31.74	30.43	959
(Prov.)	(-2.3)	(+0.3)	(+2.7)

Figures in brackets indicate the percentage increase (+)/decrease (-) over the previous year.